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AT the Court at St. *James's* the 16th Day of *March* 1729-30.

PRESENT.

The King's moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

Whereas there was this Day read at the Board a Report from the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Council, dated the Twenty Fifth Day of February laſt, which Report is in the Words following, viz.

"YOUR Majeſty having been pleaſed "to refer unto this Committee, "ſeveral Petitions from the Mer-"chants, Owners of Ships, and "Traders to Parts beyond the Seas, from the "Port of London; and alſo from the Out-"Ports of this Kingdom, complaining of the "heavy Burthen brought on the Trade of "this Kingdom, by the Fees taken upon the "frequent Renewal of Mediterranean Paſſes, "and humbly praying to be relieved there-"in; the Lords of the Committee have in "Obedience to your Majeſty's Commands, "taken the ſaid Petitions into their Conſide-"ration, and have been attended by the Peti-"tioners, and heard all that they had to of-"fer in Support of their ſaid Petitions; and "their Lordſhips have thereupon conſulted "with the Lords Commiſſioners of the Ad-"miralty, and the Commiſſioners of your Ma-"jeſty's Cuſtoms, and do agree humbly to re-"port to your Majeſty; that it appears, that "upon a Repreſentation made to your Majeſty "by the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admi-"ralty, that ſeveral Paſſes of the old Form "might have fallen into the Hands of For-"reigners, who under Colour of ſuch Paſſes, "might carry on their Trade, to the Preju-"dice of your Majeſty's Subjects; your Ma-"jeſty was pleaſed, on the 31ſt of Decem-"ber laſt, for putting a ſpeedy Stop to ſuch "indirect Practices, to iſſue your Royal Pro-"clamation, directing that all Paſſes of the "old Form, ſhould not continue in Force "longer than Twelve Months, to be com-"puted from the firſt of March next, except "ſuch as had been granted to Ships gone or "going remote Voyages; where they can-"not be timely furniſhed with new Paſſes; "and requiring all your Majeſty's Subjects, "who had any old Paſſes in their Poſſeſſion, "to return the ſame within Twelve Months "from the ſaid Firſt of March, to the Admi-"ralty Office of Great-Britain, or to the "Collectors of the Cuſtoms at the Out Ports "of Great Britain and Ireland, or to the "Governors of your Majeſty's Plantations, "in order to their being cancelled, and "that they ſhould furniſh themſelves with "Paſſes of a new Form in lieu thereof, for "their ſeveral Ships and Veſſels, according "to the Treaties ſubſiſting between your "Majeſty and the Governments on the Coaſt "of Barbary, and the Regulations made by "Order of His late Majeſty in Council on "the 14th of June 1722, and the Inſtruc-"tions given to the Lords Commiſſioners of "the Admiralty thereupon.

"The Hardſhips principally inſiſted on by "the Petitioners were theſe.

1ſt. "That the Fee demanded at the Ad-"miralty Office for each Paſs is Five and "Twenty Shillings.

2d. "That at the Out-Ports, when the "Officers of the Cuſtoms have delivered "Paſſes from the Admiralty Office, they have "taken additional Fees over and above the "ſaid Twenty Five Shillings.

3d. "That the like Fee of Twenty Five "Shillings had been taken by the Admiralty "Office, and the additional Fees by the Of-"ficers of the Cuſtoms at the Out-Ports, up-"on the renewing of any ſuch Paſſes, altho' "no Alteration had been made in the Pro-"perty,

[Price Two Pence.]

" perty, Name, or Deſcription of the " Ship.

" Whereupon the Lords of the Committee " beg Leave to inform your Majeſty, that a " like Complaint was made to your Majeſty's " Royal Predeceſſor King Charles the Se- " cond, on Account of Fees taken at the Ad- " miralty Office, upon iſſuing Mediterranean " Paſſes; which having been examined into " by his Majeſty, an Order in Council was " iſſued, bearing Date the 23d Day of March " 1676, for moderating the ſaid Fees: By " which Order it appears, that the Fee of " Twenty Five Shillings was allowed to be " taken by the Admiralty Office, upon the " iſſuing a Mediterranean Paſs, tho' at that " Time there was no Stamp Duty in being.

" And their Lordſhips further humbly in- " form your Majeſty, that an Order in Coun- " cil was iſſued in the Reign of your Maje- " ſty's late Royal Father, bearing Date the " 13th of July 1717, whereby the Office of " Admiralty was allowed to take the like " Fee of Twenty Five Shillings upon the iſ- " ſuing ſuch Paſs; in which Fee are included " the Stamp Duties, payable by Act of Par- " liament.

" Upon conſidering which Orders, and " in Regard that Twenty five Shillings was " allowed ſo long ſince as the Year 1676, " as a moderate Fee, their Lordſhips are of " Opinion, that it may be reaſonable to al- " low the like Fee to be continued to be " taken, for every new Paſs that ſhall be " iſſued from the Admiralty Office, inclu- " ding the Stamp Duties, and all other De- " mands of the ſaid Office.

" But their Lordſhips are of Opinion, that " no Paſs ſhould be deemed a new Paſs, but " where the Property, Name, or Deſcription " of the Ship is altered from what it was " in the old Paſs; or that there is no old " Paſs produced, in order to be cancelled, " upon the delivering a new one.

" Yet as the frequent Occaſions of renew- " ing ſuch Paſſes (for the better preventing " their falling into the Hands of Foreigners) " may bring too heavy a Burthen on the " Trade of your Majeſty's Subjects, their " Lordſhips are of Opinion, that the Mer- " chants ſhould not be obliged to renew " their Paſſes in leſs Time than Twelve " Months, unleſs they ſhall find it for their " Convenience ſooner to renew the ſame; " and that no more than Fifteen Shillings be " taken upon the renewing of any ſuch Paſs; " Ten Shillings whereof as the Fee to the " Admiralty Office, and the other Five Shil- " lings for the Stamps, Parchment, Printing, " &c.

" And it having been alledged by the Pe- " titioners, that further Fees have been taken " of the Merchants by the Officers of the " Cuſtoms at the Out-Ports of this King- " dom, upon Pretence of extraordinary " Trouble in taking the Oath and Bond, " and giving a Certificate, in order to ob- " tain the ſaid Paſs from the Admiralty Of- " fice: Their Lordſhips do therefore agree " humbly to report to your Majeſty as their " Opinion, that the Merchants reſiding there " ought to be put upon as eaſy a Footing " in this Reſpect, as thoſe reſiding in Lon- " don. And to that End, that the Officers " of the Cuſtoms at the Out-Ports ſhould be " ſtrictly enjoyned, upon the Delivery of " any ſuch Paſs, to demand no more than the " ſaid Fee of Twenty five Shillings for a " new Paſs, and Fifteen Shillings for a re- " newed Paſs, according to what is before " propoſed to be taken at the Admiralty " Office; and that they do take the Oath " and Bond, and ſend the proper Certifi- " cate, in order to obtain the ſaid Paſs for " the Merchant, without any other Fee or " Demand whatſoever.

" And whereas it appeared that the ſaid " Officers of the Cuſtoms at the Out-Ports " have hitherto tranſmitted their Certificates " to the Cuſtom Houſe in London, in order " to be ſent from thence to the Admiralty " Office for the obtaining a Paſs; and that " ſuch Paſs, when ſigned by the Lords Com- " miſſioners of the Admiralty, hath been ſent " from the ſaid Admiralty Office to the " Cuſtom Houſe in London, to be tranſmit- " ted from thence to the ſaid Officers at the " Out-Ports; which Method may have been " attended not only with unneceſſary De- " lays, but alſo with an Addition of Ex- " pence to the Merchants: Their Lordſhips " are therefore of Opinion, that for avoid- " ing the ſame for the future, the ſaid Of- " ficers at the Out-Ports ſhould be required " to ſend their Certificates, together with " the Affidavit, and what elſe is required " for the obtaining ſuch Paſs, directly to the " Admiralty Office, who ſhould be likewiſe " required to tranſmit the Paſs directly to the " ſaid Officers at the Out-Ports, to be deli- " vered to the Merchants.

" And it having further appeared to this " Committee, that ſome of the Surveyors at " the Out-Ports have demanded a Fee of " Five Shillings, and others a Fee of Two " Shillings and Six Pence, for their extraor- " dinary Trouble in going on board and " meaſuring the Ships, and afterwards in cer- " tifying a particular Account thereof to " the Collector of the Cuſtoms, in order to " obtain a Paſs; their Lordſhips are therefore " of Opinion, that all the Surveyors at the " Out-Ports ſhould be ſtrictly required not " to demand more than Two Shillings and

" Six

" Six Pence for every Ship they ſhall ſo ſur-
" vey and certify for.

His Majeſty taking the ſaid Report into Conſideration, was pleaſed, with the Advice of His Privy-Council, to approve thereof, and to order, as it is hereby ordered, That the ſeveral Matters therein propoſed be duly obſerved and complied with: And the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Treaſury, and the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, are to give the neceſſary Directions herein, as to them may reſpectively appertain.

Edward Southwell.

Seville, March 2. Their Catholick Majeſties have taken their Reſolution to ſet out on the 6th Inſtant for Marchena, a Village about nine Leagues diſtant from hence, where they intend to paſs a few Days in Hunting, and from thence the Court will proceed to Granada. This Day Count Kinigſeck, his Imperial Majeſty's Ambaſſadour at this Court, ſet out for Madrid on his Return Home, accompanied by Count Kinigſeck Erps, his Nephew. His Excellency intends to take Barcelona in his Way, and thence to proceed to Lyons.

The Directors of the Corporation of the Amicable Society for a perpetual Aſſurance Office do hereby give Notice, That all Members of the ſaid Society who ſhall be Five Quarters in Arrear at Lady Day next, will be excluded at the next General Court, unleſs they pay their Arrears on or before the 24th Day of April next. Tho. Hodgſon, *Secr.*

Advertiſements.

PUrſuant to a Decree of the High Court of Chancery, the Creditors of John Lowman, late of St. Mary at Lambeth, in the County of Surry, Starch-maker, deceaſed, are forthwith to prove their Debts before Samuel Burroughs, Eſq; one of the Maſters of the ſaid Court, at his Chambers in Chancery-lane, or they will loſe the Benefit of the ſaid Decree.

TO be ſold together or in Parcels, on Thurſday the 26th of March Inſtant, at Five o'Clock in the Afternoon, at the Mitre Tavern in Old Brentford, ſeveral Copyhold Meſſuages or Tenements, with Gardens, Backſides, and Orchards thereunto belonging, late the Eſtate of John Siritt, of Brentford aforeſaid, Tallow-Chandler, a Bankrupt. Particulars of the ſaid Eſtate may be had of Mr. Robert Henſhaw, Attorney, in Salters-Hall-Yard, London.

WHereas a Commiſſion of Bankrupt is awarded againſt George Maſon, late of the City of Briſtol, Clothier, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to ſurrender himſelf to the Commiſſioners on the 24th and 31ſt Inſtant, at Ten in the Forenoon, at the Dwelling Houſe of John Tudsbury, in All-Saints-lane, within the City of Briſtol, commonly called the Elephant Coffee-houſe, and make a full Diſcovery of his Effects; when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts and pay Contribution Money, and at the firſt Sitting the Commiſſioners will appoint Aſſignees. And all Perſons indebted to the ſaid Bankrupt, or that have any Effects of his in their Hands, are not to pay or deliver the ſame but to whom the Commiſſioners ſhall appoint, but are deſired to give Notice thereof to Mr. William Temple, at Mr. John Maſon's, a Glover, in High ſtreet, Briſtol.

THE Commiſſioners in a renewed Commiſſion of Bankrupt awarded againſt Nicholas Taverner, late of Peterborough in the County of Northampton, Woollendraper, intend to meet on Friday the 17th of April next, at Three in the Afternoon, at the Bull-Inn in Stamford, in the County of Lincoln, in order to make a Dividend of the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, and paid their Contribution-money, are to come prepared to do the ſame, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the ſaid Dividend.

THE Commiſſioners in a Commiſſion of Bankrupt awarded againſt James Wiburd, late of the Pariſh of St. Leonard's Shoreditch, in the County of Middleſex, Mealman, intend to meet on the 10th of April next, at Ten in the Forenoon, at Guildhall, London, in order to make a Dividend of the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, and paid their Contribution-Money, are to come prepared to do the ſame, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the ſaid Dividend.

THE under-mentioned Perſons claiming the Benefit of the Act lately paſſed for the Relief of Inſolvent Debtors, the following Notices have been brought to the Printer of the London Gazette, to be inſerted in this Paper, and are herein inſerted in Obedience to the ſaid Act.

The following Perſon being a Priſoner in the Fleet Priſon, London, gives Notice, that he intend to take the Benefit of the late Act for the Relief of Inſolvent Debtors, at the next General or Quarter Seſſions of the Peace for the City of London, or the Adjournment thereof, that firſt ſhall happen next after 30 Days from the Date hereof, viz. William Hopper, late of Agmondeſham alias Amerſham, in the County of Bucks, Yeoman.

The following Perſon being a Fugitive for Debt, and having ſurrendred himſelf to the Keeper of the Marſhalſea Priſon in Southwark, in the County of Surry, gives Notice, that he intends to take the Benefit of the late Act for the Relief of Inſolvent Debtors, at the next General or Quarter Seſſions of the Peace to be holden for the County of Surry, or the Adjournment thereof, that ſhall firſt happen next after 30 Days from the Date hereof, viz. William Scott, late of Deptford in Kent, Mariner.

N. B. If any Perſon in the foregoing Liſt of Priſoners ſhall find on the Peruſal of this Gazette that there is any Error, ſuch Error ſhall upon Notice be rectified in the next Gazette, Gratis.

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